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**Robert C. Chambers**  
 District Judge

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 Began Service: October 17, 1997  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Legal Counsel, West Virginia Senate; Member, West Virginia House of Delegates (1978-1996); Speaker of the House, West Virginia House of Delegates (1986-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Chambers & Chambers (1978-1984); Attorney, Chambers, Chambers & Heilmann (1984-1992); Attorney, Guy M. Bucci, L.C. (1994-1996); Partner, Bucci & Chambers L.C. (1996-1997)

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**Thomas E. Johnston**  
 District Judge

Education: West Virginia 1989 BA, 1992 JD  
 Began Service: April 17, 2006

**Government:** U.S. Attorney, West Virginia - Northern District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice

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**Irene Cornelia Berger**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
 Education: West Virginia 1976, 1979 JD  
 Began Service: December 11, 2009

**Government:** Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Kanawha, West Virginia (1982-1994); Attorney, Virginia - Western District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1994)

**Judicial:** Circuit Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, West Virginia (1994-2009)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; West Virginia Bar Association

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**David A. Faber**  
 Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
 Education: West Virginia 1964 BA; Yale 1967 JD; Virginia 1998 LLM  
 Began Service: December 27, 1991  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; Federal Judges Association; National Association of Former United States Attorneys; West Virginia Bar Association; The West Virginia State Bar

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**Maurice G. Taylor, Jr.**  
 Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
 Education: West Virginia 1964 BS, 1967 LLB  
 Began Service: 1971  
 Term Expires: September 2016

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Sidney Christie, United States District Court for the District of West Virginia (1967-1969)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1969-1976)

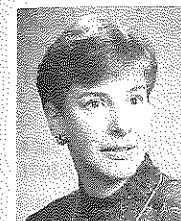
**Current Memberships:** Cabell County Bar Association; The West Virginia State Bar

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**Mary E. Stanley**  
 Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
 Education: Mount Holyoke 1970 AB;  
 Virginia 1973 JD  
 Began Service: 1992  
 Term Expires: October 2016

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Dennis R. Knapp, United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia (1976-1977)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of West Virginia, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1977-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Columbia Gas Transmission Corp. (1973-1976)

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**R. Clarke VanDervort**  
 Magistrate Judge

Began Service: December 2001  
 Term Expires: December 19, 2017

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**Ronald G. Pearson**  
 Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
 Education: West Virginia 1965 BS, 1968 JD  
 Began Service: 1983  
 Term Expires: 2015  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Comptroller, Carbon Industries (1977-1979)

**Government:** Director, Local Government Relations, Tax Department, State of West Virginia (1971-1973); Commissioner, Department of Finance and Administration, State of West Virginia (1973-1975); Treasurer, State of West Virginia (1975-1976)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Charleston Legal Aid Society (1968-1972); Partner, Cecil, Pearson & Barth (1980-1983)

**Current Memberships:** National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; The West Virginia State Bar

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